

We claim:

1. A method for seaming a surface covering or surface covering component comprising:
 - a) placing two sheets, each having a first major surface and a second major surface and a gluing surface interposed between the first surface and the second surface, together with the intersection of the gluing surface and the first surface on each sheet directly adjacent one another and the two sheets in a desired orientation,
 - b) taping or otherwise holding the first surface of the sheets so that the sheets are held together with the intersection of the gluing surface and the first surface on each sheet directly adjacent one another,
 - c) exposing the gluing surfaces,
 - d) applying a suitable amount of an adhesive to at least one of the gluing surfaces while the gluing surface is exposed, and
 - e) positioning the sheets so that the gluing surfaces are directly adjacent.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising winding the glued sheets into a roll.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the gluing surfaces are substantially in a plane perpendicular to the axis of the roll.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the gluing surfaces are directly adjacent to one another when the first surfaces are taped or otherwise held together before exposing the gluing surfaces.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein when the sheets are placed adjacent to one another in the desired orientation, a desired pattern is obtained.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising removing excess adhesive.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising allowing the adhesive to set or cure.
8. The method of claim 7, further comprising removing the tape after the adhesive is cured.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the two sheets are floor covering components.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the two sheets are each of a different color.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the gluing surface of the sheets is perpendicular to

the first surface.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the seam is a substantially straight line.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the seam runs parallel to a printed pattern.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive is selected from the group consisting of
5 hot melt glues, radiation-curable adhesives, moisture-curable adhesives and anaerobic-curable
adhesives.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the radiation-curable adhesive is a UV curable
adhesive.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the adhesive is a cyanoacrylate.

10 17. The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive is fluid when applied.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein the seam area does not scratch, stain, or discolor in
use at a rate substantially different than the remainder of the surface covering.

19. The method of claim 1, wherein the strength of the seamed area exceeds that of the
remainder of the surface covering or surface covering component.

15 20. The method of claim 1, wherein the sheets are in the form of a surface covering
component, and the method further comprises applying one or more additional layers to the
seamed surface covering components to form a finished surface covering.

20 Sub A2 21. A surface covering component comprising two elements, each element comprising a
first major surface and a second major surface and a gluing surface interposed between the first
surface and the second surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent, and an
adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces.

22. The surface covering component of claim 21, wherein the adhesive is selected from
one or more of a hot melt glue, a radiation-curable adhesive, a moisture-curable adhesive and an
anaerobic-curable adhesive.

25 23. The surface covering component of claim 22, wherein the radiation-curable adhesive
is a UV curable adhesive.

24. The surface covering component of claim 22, wherein the adhesive is a
cyanoacrylate.

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25. The surface covering component of claim 21, wherein the surface covering component is a resilient floor covering component.

26. The surface covering component of claim 25, wherein the resilient floor covering component comprises a substrate, a foam layer and a design layer.

5 27. The surface covering component of claim 22, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering component.

10 28. A resilient floor covering comprising two elements, each element comprising a first major surface and a second major surface and a gluing surface interposed between the first surface and the second surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent, and an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces, wherein the gluing surfaces are not perpendicular to the first major surface.

29. A floor covering prepared according to the method of claim 1.

30. The floor covering of claim 29 in the form of a roll.

31. The floor covering of claim 29, wherein the adhesive is a radiation-curable adhesive.

32. The floor covering of claim 29, wherein the adhesive is UV-curable.

33. The floor covering of claim 29, wherein the adhesive is a cyanoacrylate.

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20 34. A surface covering comprising two elements, each element comprising a first major surface and a second major surface and a gluing surface interposed between the first surface and the second surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent, and an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces,

wherein the surface covering is in the form of a roll, with the gluing surfaces being in a plane perpendicular to the axis of the roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam, and the thickness of the seam being substantially no greater than the thickness of the elements.